

# Montgomery County Office of Human Rights

## Human Rights Diversity Camp

### SUMMARY

- The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights sponsors each year a Human Rights Diversity Camp for Grade 5 elementary school students. The purpose of the camp is to bring together students from diverse racial, cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds for a shared weekend experience in interracial and intercultural understanding, exposure to diversity concepts, cultural competencies and team building skills. This program has been presented for over 10 years.
- The Human Rights Camp for Grade 5 students is set for December 14-16, 2018. The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights is asking that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) continue to support this program by encouraging student participation.
- The Montgomery Office of Human Rights will fund this special program which includes camp fees, transportation, activity materials, meals and refreshments. The camp instructors are professionals from the Office of Human Rights and other county, state, and federal agencies. The staff from the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will also directly support key activities for the program.
- Registration will be open to all Grade 5 students who attend Montgomery County public, private, and home elementary schools; however, only 100 students – 50 boys and 50 girls – will be selected to participate in the three-day camp. **The deadline for registration will be Friday, November 16, 2018.**
- The camp will take place at the YMCA's Cam Letts facility in Edgewater, Maryland (near Annapolis). Students will depart from the Office of Human Rights at 21 Maryland Avenue by MCPS bus on November 9, 2018 at 9:45 a.m. and return to the Office of Human Rights on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. students will be responsible for their own toiletries, clothing, and bedding.